

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 8, middle paragraph delete and replace with the following.**

*B*<sup>1</sup> A sample was prepared with the agent, stated below, by adding with or without adding 1 mM ~~L-cysteine~~L-cysteine. In the same manner, as stated in the Example 1, the hemoglobin standard containing HbA<sub>1c</sub>, HbA<sub>1a</sub>, HbF, and HbA<sub>0</sub> was used in order to make a concentration of hemoglobin in 7%.